

# **Report of Program Accreditation Recommendations**

**October 23, 2009**

## **Overview**

This report consists of recommendations made about the initial accreditation of professional preparation programs based upon institutional responses to program standards.

(Note: It is possible that there will be additional recommendations brought to the COA in an in-folder item, since staff and review panel members are continuing their work on program proposals.)

## **Staff Recommendation - Panel Review**

That the Committee on Accreditation grant initial accreditation to the following preparation program(s), as recommended by the appropriate reviewers.

Each institution identified below has responded fully and appropriately to the adopted standards and preconditions by preparing a program proposal that describes how each standard and precondition is met and that includes appropriate supporting evidence. The appropriate reviewers following the procedures adopted by the Committee on Accreditation have read each program proposal. Each program has been judged to meet all standards and preconditions and is recommended for initial accreditation.

## **Program of Professional Preparation for the Agricultural Specialist Credential**

California Polytechnic University, Pomona  
Agricultural Specialist Credential Program

The Agricultural Specialist Credential Program at Cal Poly Pomona is housed in the College of Agriculture where it has operated since 1976. The Agricultural Specialist Program operates concurrently with the Agriculture Single Subject Credential Program that is housed in the College of Education. Agricultural Specialist Credential candidates are concurrently enrolled in both programs. The Agricultural Specialist Credential is granted only to those who qualify for a clear Single Subject Credential in Agriculture. This program configuration requires a close working relationship between the Agricultural Education area and the College of Education. Care has been taken to avoid duplication and redundancy in the coursework required of students in both programs.

In order to serve in the Agricultural Specialist Credential Program, faculty must have a minimum of three years of outstanding experience as high school agriculture teachers. The full-time faculty member has eight years of such experience. The part-time faculty member has eight years. Both faculty members have Masters' degrees in Agricultural Education and one is a PhD candidate

## **Recommendation about the Withdrawal of Professional Preparation Program**

Fresno Pacific University has submitted a letter to the Commission giving notification that they wish to discontinue the Bilingual Specialist Credential Preparation Program. The program has

not admitted any candidates since Fall 2006 and expects all candidates to complete the program by Fall 2009.

Staff recommends that the Bilingual Specialist Credential Preparation Program at Fresno Pacific University be withdrawn at their request effective July 29, 2009.

Fresno Pacific University has submitted a letter to the Commission giving notification that they wish to discontinue the Reading Specialist Credential Program. Only one student elected this program which she completed 4 years ago. Currently, there are no students in the program.

Staff recommends that the Reading Specialist Credential Program at Fresno Pacific University be withdrawn at their request effective July 29, 2009.

San Diego State University School of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences has submitted a letter to the Commission giving notification that they are no longer offering the Education Specialist Credentials: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Levels I and II.

Staff recommends that the Education Specialist: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Level I and Level II programs be withdrawn at their request effective September 22, 2009.

#### **Programs of Professional Preparation Moving to Inactive Status**

*The items listed below are for notification purposes only. No action is needed.*

California State University, Chico has sent notification to the Commission that their Early Childhood Special Education Certificate Program was reclassified from “approved active” status to “approved inactive” status effective August 24, 2009.

California State University, Chico has sent notification to the Commission that their Library Media Services Credential Program was reclassified from “approved active” status to “approved inactive” status effective August 24, 2009

Santa Clara Unified School District has sent notification that their Designated Subjects LEA program was reclassified from “approved active” status to “approved inactive” status effective September 1, 2009 and continuing through June 30, 2010.

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo has sent notification to the Commission that their Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Level II program was reclassified from “approved active” status to “approved inactive” status effective August, 2009.

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo has sent notification to the Commission that their Pupil Personnel Services: School Counseling program has been reclassified from “approved active” status to “approved inactive” status effective August, 2009

#### **Designated Subjects Programs Transitioning from County to University Sponsorship**

*The items listed below are for notification purposes only. No action is needed.*

The Fresno County Office of Education has sent notification to the Commission that they will no longer be taking responsibility for the following Designated Subjects Programs effective August 25, 2009:

Designated Subjects Adult Education Credential Program  
Designated Subjects Vocational (Career Technical) Education Credential Program  
Designated Subjects Supervision and Coordination Credential Program  
Designated Subjects Special Subjects Credential Program

Fresno Pacific University will be assuming full responsibility and sponsorship for these four Designated Subjects programs beginning August 25, 2009.